Blasts in Trains

†4779. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blasts occurred in trains in various parts of the country during the months of January and February alongwith the total number of deceased and injured persons as a result thereof;

(b) whether Governemnt have conducted any inquiry into these incidents;

(c) if so, the level of inquiry alongwith the result thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government on the basis of result of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Census in J & K

4780. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to conduct census in Jammu and Kashmir in 2001;

(b) why was the last Census in 1991 could not be completed in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether adequate security measures taken to ensure that enumerators do not fear militancy while going from house to house?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Census is being conducted in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The reference date shall be the first day of October, 2000.

(b) Census was not conducted in Jammu and Kashmir in 1991 in view of the prevailing law and order situation in the State.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The State Government has informed that steps are being initiated to provide adequate security to the staff to be deployed for the Census work.

Lottery Scheme run by Karnataka Government

4781. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Karnataka Government has been running lottery scheme for the past three decades; and

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Centre not to ban the running of State lotteries as the amount collected will be utilised for the implementation of welfare schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a)Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has been running its lottery scheme since 1969-70.

(b) No, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has not requested the Government of India not to ban lotteries.

Crime Menace in Delhi

4782. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Crime Records Bureau, Delhi the Capital is 2.7 times ahead in the crime menace of any other city in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) what special measures are being taken / have been taken to tackle the crime menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The report furnished by the National Crime Record Bureau indicates that the crime rate during 1998 in some other cities was higher than that in Delhi.

(c) The measures taken to tackle the crime situation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on